

The Academy *for* Learning Islam Presents:

Hajj Seminar 1435

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ALI 272a: Hajj 1435 Prep and Ziyarat to Madina

The webinar will discuss the spiritual, social and essential rules of pilgrimage to Madina, performing 'Umra Tamattu' and Hajj Tamattu'. The presentation will be followed by Q & A session.

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2014/27 Shawwal

Timings: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon (EST-Toronto/NY time)

Holy Qur'an 2:197

الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَاتٌ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا
فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ
وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ

*The Hajj [season] is in months well-known; so whoever decides on Hajj therein, [should know that] there is to be no sexual contact, and no abuse, nor disputing during the Hajj. And whatever good you do, Allah knows it. And take provision, but the best provision is **taqwā**.*

InshāAllāh we plan to cover

- Preparations before departure
- Essential things during the trip
- Ziyārat of Madinah: significance & recitations
- Things needed at the holy places
- Spiritual benefits of Ziyarat, ‘Umrah & Hajj
- Educational, Social & Economical benefits
- ‘Umrah al-Tamattu‘
- Questions and answers session

Before the departure

- Mental and spiritual preparedness
- Free of debts, especially religious dues, e.g. khums, zakat, pledges, etc.
- Will and last testament
- Free from peoples' rights
- Good religious literature & lectures
- Arrange support for those who depend on you
- Men folk to practice wearing ihraam

Khums for those going to Hajj

It is essential to use only that wealth on which khums has been paid. Here is a brief guideline on paying khums:

- If you pay khums annually then you do not need to worry as all Hajj expenses are allowable in the Shari‘ah in the year you perform Hajj.
- If you have never paid khums or have only paid it sometimes, then you have one of the two options: (a) calculate khums due for the years you missed and pay whatever is due before you leave for Hajj; or (b) estimate total expense of the Hajj and gross it to 100%. For e.g. if the total expense of Hajj comes to \$8,000, you will need to have \$10,000, from which \$2,000 will pay khums and the balance use for Hajj.

FAQ on Khums before traveling

Q1: can one take care of khums upon returning from Hajj?

A1: If you have never paid khums or paid it occasionally, then you cannot proceed to Hajj without paying khums.

Q 2: Is not khums payable on 20% of saving? Then why do we have to pay 25% of the total Hajj expenses?

A 2: Yes khums is 20% of the savings. However, if someone who does not pay khums regularly, and would like to 'purify' certain amount then he has to pay khums on the gross amount, such that the balance 80% is pure money. So if you would like to have a net of \$160 that is pure, you need to add 25% of \$160 to come to gross of \$200. You are still paying 20% of \$200, nothing more.

Not enough cash to pay khums

Q: We fully understand that khums is obligatory and we need to pay it before leaving for Hajj. However, Hajj package in North America is about \$8,000 per person, and for a couple it would come to \$16,000. On this if we add \$4,000 as khums then the total cost would be \$20,000. This is a huge amount. It is fine if we pay \$4,000 khums after Hajj, say before yearend in December?

A: If you do not have enough to pay for your Hajj as well as khums, then Hajj is not wajib on you. However, you may see a local agent of your Marja'-e Taqlid to work out an arrangement of paying khums by instalment. Again, remember those who pay khums regularly do not need to be worried about this aspect.

During the trip

- We need 3 Ps (prayer, patience & perseverance)
- Q 2:45 *وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۚ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ*
- *Seek help thru patience and prayer; and truly it is hard except for the humble ones*
- A lot of dhikr, tasbīh, and istighfār
- Good reading on board, not film watching, etc.
- Take a good rest whenever you can
- Train to be humble (*mutawadhi'*); Imams used to walk to Mecca for days in hot sun to maintain humility

Rewards of Madinah Ziyārat

The Holy Prophet (s) said:**1.** *On Judgment Day, I will visit one who has performed my Ziyārat or the Ziyārat of anyone from my progeny; 2.* *till I save him from the terrors of that day; it will be my duty to save them from their sins ; 3.* *On the Day of Judgment, I will intercede for those who have come to my Ziyārat; 4.* *On the Judgment Day, I will turn away from those who had come to Makkah for Hajj but did not come to Madinah for my Ziyārat; 5.* *Those who die in one of the two Harams (Makkah or Madinah) will be resurrected with the companions of Badr on the Day of Judgment.*

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a): *Ziyārat of HP is like performing purified Hajj with Rasulullah.*

Paradise for Madinah Ziyārat

Imam al- Sadiq (a): One day while Imam Husayn (a) was sitting on the lap of Allah's Messenger (s), he looked up and asked, "Father, what is the reward for one who performs your Ziyārat after your passing away?" Allah's Messenger (s) replied: "My son, one who performs my Ziyārat after my passing away will be rewarded with paradise; one who performs the Ziyārat of your father after his passing away will be rewarded with Paradise; one who performs the Ziyārat of your brother after his passing away will be rewarded with Paradise; and one who performs your Ziyārat after your passing away will be rewarded with Paradise."

There are two Hadiths from Imam al-Jawad emphasizing that we go there with the (sole) intention of Ziyārat of the Prophet (s). In another Hadith says he (a) says: Allah will take them to Paradise inshāAllāh.

What to recite in Madinah?

- Allah's Messenger (s): One who comes to the Ziyārat of my grave after my passing away is like one who has migrated to me during my lifetime. So if you cannot come for my Ziyārat, convey your salutation to me, for it is sure to reach me.
- 'Aamir b. Abdullah said to al-Sadiq (a): I paid two to three extra gold coins to my camel carrier to take me thru Madinah. Imam replied, "You did well. How easy this was for you! And now you can come to the grave of the Rasulullah and say salaam to him." Then Imam continued, "Verily the Rasulullah hears your voice from nearby and he will be informed of you from far."
- The last line of a short Ziyārat of Rasulullah taught by al-Sadiq (a): reads: يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنِّي أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ بِكَ لِيَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي
O Muhammad, I have turned to Allah, Your Lord and mine, thru you, so that He forgives my sins.

Du'ā at the grave of the Rasulullah

Good of humbling before Allah at grave of the Prophet

Imam Ali b. Zaynul 'Abidin al-Sajjad (a) used to read

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَصْبَحْتُ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي خَيْرَ مَا أَرْجُو لَهَا
وَلَا أَدْفَعُ عَنْهَا شَرَّ مَا أَخْذَرُ عَلَيْهَا

O Allah I find that I do not have the power in myself to attain
the good I hope for,

Nor do I have the power to avert the harm I fear.

وَأَصْبَحْتُ الْأُمُورُ بِيَدِكَ وَلَا فَقِيرَ أَفْقَرُ مِنِّي ﴿إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ﴾

And I find that all affairs are in Your hand and that there is
none more needy than I. *I'm in need of the good that You have given
me (Q 28:24).*

Du'ā at the grave (con't)

اللَّهُمَّ ارْدِنِي مِنْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ تُبَدِّلَ اسْمِي
أَوْ أَنْ تُغَيِّرَ جِسْمِي أَوْ تُزِيلَ نِعْمَتَكَ عَنِّي

O Allah I ask to decree that which is good for me because no one can keep away Your grace. O Allah I seek refuge with You from replacing my name, from changing my body, or from removing Your blessing from me.

اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنِّي بِالتَّقْوَى وَجَمِّلْنِي بِالنَّعَمِ وَاغْمُرْنِي بِالْعَافِيَةِ وَارْزُقْنِي شُكْرَ الْعَافِيَةِ

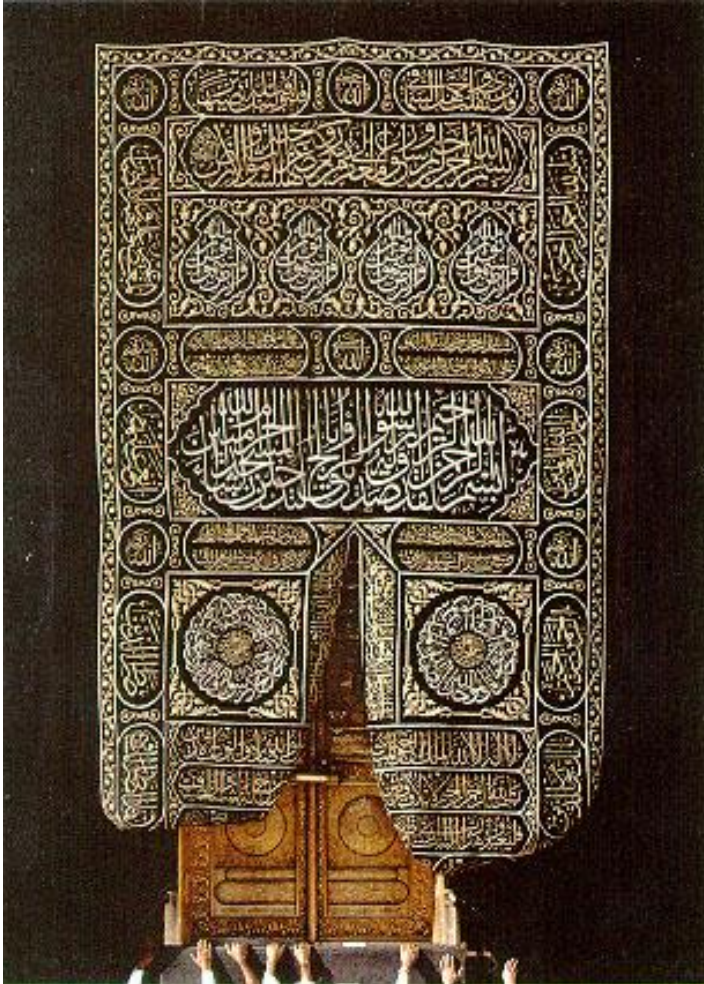
O Allah! Adorn me with piety and beautify me with Your blessings. Give me a long, healthy life and sustain me with the ability to thank You for good health.

(All Hadiths on Madinah taken from *Kamil al-Ziyarat*)

At the holy places

- Ensure that your wajibaat are performed
- A lot of dhikr, recitation of the Qur'an
- Reflection & pondering over the holy sites
- Historical sites & their importance
- Meet Muslims from different background
- Also take the necessary rest
- Taking gift back is recommended but do not spend a lot of time shopping & bargaining

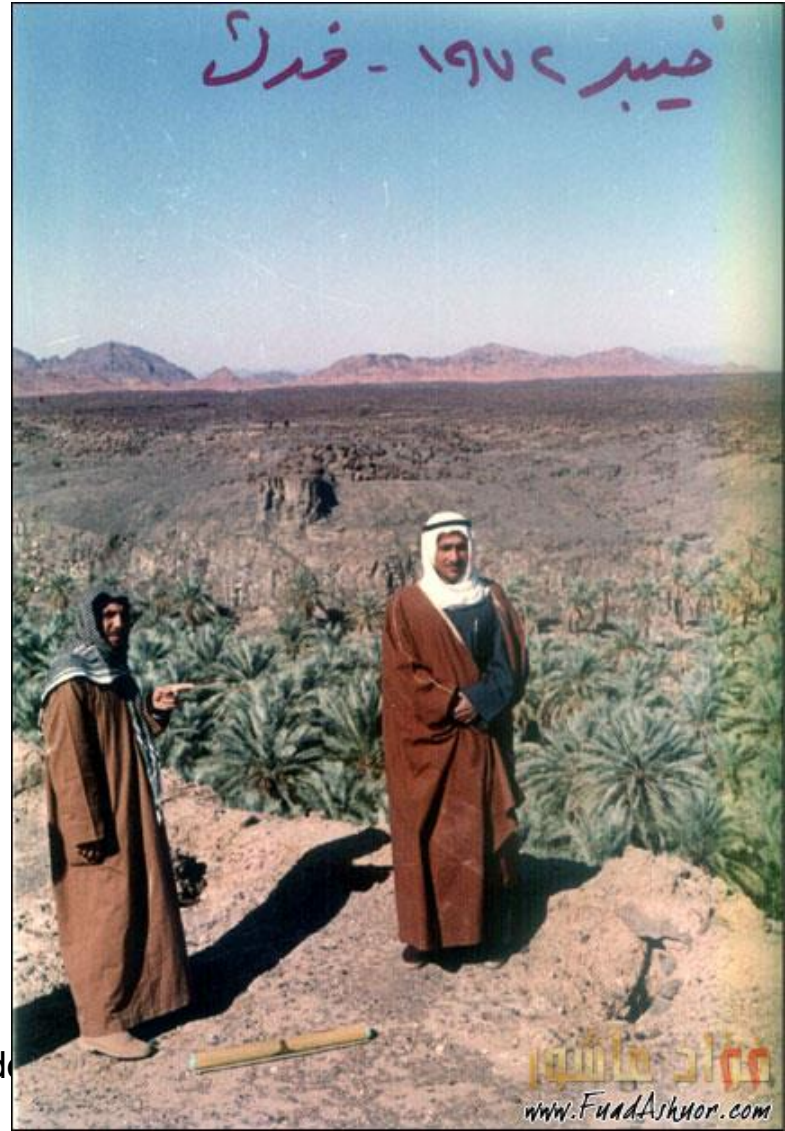
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Lady of the Radiance



**HOUSE OF BIBI FATIMA(S.A.)
(MADINA)**



Madina al-Munawwara



Spiritual Benefits 1

- Use the Du‘as of wudhū to train yourself
- Dialogue between Imam al-Sajjad & Shibli
- If Hajj trip requires so much preparation imagine the preparation for al-Akhira
- Desert = Mashhar, Ihram = Kafan, etc
- You are at the holy place where the Prophets, Imams & millions of Muslims have been. Do we really deserve this?

Talbiyyah- read & reflect

لبيك اللهم لبيك. لبيك لا شريك لك لبيك،

إن الحمد والنعمة لك والملك، لا شريك لك لبيك

- Here I am, O God, in Your presence
- Here I am, [saying] You have no partner, (whilst) being in Your presence
- Surely all-Praise and Favors are Yours, and so is the Kingdom of the Universe
- You have no partner, here I am

Spiritual Experience

- We are in dire need of food for human soul because we live in a lot materialism
- Hajj is the best time for spiritualism:
 1. Cut-off from all routine, family & friends
 2. Restrictions of Ihram
 3. Connection with the origins of Islam
 4. There is another world, besides ours
 5. Sense of Qurb (closeness) to Allah

Educational & Economical Benefits

- Learn from those in your company
- Get answers to burning questions
- Time to read on Islam and its history
- Build your network with Muslims who have the same interest as yours
- Prepare your reports & post it online
- Look into the possibility of helping a caravan such that you can return to Hajj

Social Benefits

- Part of a huge ummah all united in ritual
- Meeting Muslims from all over the world
- Attending various conferences and get together arranged by different groups
- Meeting of various ‘ulamaa (scholars)
- Meeting of representatives of Maraaji‘
- Opportunity to serve unknown Muslims

‘Umrah at-Tamattu`:Ihram

- Ihram: niyyah, talbiyah, wear ihram. Wudhū or ghusl not a condition. For male two white pieces of clothes, remain tahir, do not tie the loin cloth, blanket allowed if sewn provided do not cover the head
- Know the forbidden: looking at mirror, lying, swearing, quarrelling, men to avoid shade when traveling, removing hairs, tooth, nails and blood from the body

Muharramaat

AFFECTION: look, touch, kiss, sex,
masturbation, nikah

BEAUTY: surmah, mirror, oil, perfume,
nail, hair, self-beautification

CLOTH: shade, head-cover, face-cover,
(glove), 2piece, footwear

DEFENSE: tooth, blood, arms,
hurting, hunting

ETHICAL: quarrel, lying

‘Umrah at-Tamattu’:Tawaf

- Wudhu a requirement
- Be careful about the number of rounds
- Trade in between the rush & distance
- Begin a little before Hajr Aswad & end a little after; do not haste to end it earlier
- Do not be carried away by the crowd
- Be as calm as possible; it will soon end
- If assisting someone, complete yours first

‘Umrah at-Tamattu’: Salat

- Two rak`aat like morning prayers
- After Tawaf immediately
- As nearer to Maqam-e Ibrahim as possible
- Ensure you are out of Tawaf area
- Be ready to be pushed during salat
- Have a partner to stand next to you when you are praying

‘Umrah at-Tamattu’: Sa‘ee

- Wudhu not a requirement
- Can be interrupted if salat of Tawaf forgot
- No need to climb the hill tops, especially when there is a lot of rush & pushing
- Men to hasten pace betw the green pillars
- Many recommended du‘as to be read
- Do not delay it to the next day after Tawaf

‘Umrah at-Tamattu’:Taqseer

- Better to cut hair than nail
 - Can be done back at the residence
 - You can do it for yourself
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- After this you are free from Ihram.
 - No Tawafun Nisaa in Umrah at-Tamattu
 - Rest well, enjoy Makkah & the Haram
 - Perform mustahab Tawaf, as many as possible

Recommended Books

Reading following books will be useful:

Hajj by Ali Shariati

1000 Roads to Mecca

Panaroma Madina

Take following books with you:

Pilgrim's Guide: Selected Supplications

Hajj & 'Umrah Made Easy

Guide to Performing Umrah & Hajj

Online Hajj Resources:

www.academyofislam.com/index.php/resourcess/occassions/hajj